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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION FEBRUARY 1988 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

ALL ESTIMATES FOR 1987 REVISED

All civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1987 have been revised. The 1987 revised estimates appearing in this issue are not comparable to any previously published data for 1986. These revisions utilize the most recent data available, to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates.

All labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary estimates for 1986 are also being revised and should be available within the next month. Tabulations of revised data for the State or for specific MSA's may be obtained by writing to the Texas Employment Commission, TEC Building, Austin, TX 78778. Please specify the areas for which data is required.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,742.0	120,205.0	117,704.0
Unemployment	7,603.0	6,526.0	8,620.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3	5.4	7.3
Total Employment	112,139.0	113,679.0	109,084.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	121,175.0	120,722.0	118,978.0
Unemployment	7,046.0	6,978.0	7,964.0
Percent Unemployed	5.8	5.8	6.7
Total Employment	114,129.0	113,744.0	111,014.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,161.7	8,269.2	8,127.3
Unemployment	682.5	561.4	798.8
Percent Unemployed	8.4	6.8	9.8
Total Employment	7,479.2	7,707.8	7,328.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,255.0	8,286.0	8,219.0
Unemployment	660.0	640.0	775.0
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.7	9.4
Total Employment	7,595.0	7,646.0	7,444.0

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CLIMBS SEASONALLY

The Texas actual unemployment rate rose sharply over the month, from 6.8 percent in December 1987 to 8.4 percent in January 1988, as over 120,000 additional Texans were unemployed in mid-January. Although unemployment rose seasonally in January, the current rate was still well below the year-ago level of 9.8 percent in the actual series. The fact that much of the increase in joblessness in January was due to seasonal factors is shown by the minimal increase from 7.7 percent in December to 8.0 percent in January in the seasonally adjusted series for Texas. The January 1988 rate in this series is also considerably below the year-ago rate of 9.4 percent. Although the National actual rate rose from 5.4 percent in December to 6.3 percent in January, the seasonally adjusted U. S. rate remained unchanged, at 5.8 percent.

ALL SECTORS OF NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT DECLINE

The count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas declined by 63,100 over the month, totaling 6,517,700 in mid-January. Compared to a year earlier, however, the jobs count had improved somewhat, rising by 77,100 positions. No major industry

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan. '88*	Dec. '87**	Jan. '87**	Jan. '88*	Dec. '87**	Jan. '87**	Jan. '88*	Dec. '87**	Jan. '87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,100	49,100	48,800	78,300	78,700	77,100	349,900	354,000	354,700
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,600	9,800	9,800	9,800	39,300	39,700	39,600
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,200	1,300	1,300	1,400	800	800	800
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200	3,700	3,700	3,400	16,200	16,400	18,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,500	5,700	5,700	5,700	10,700	10,700	11,000
Trade	13,600	13,700	13,500	22,800	23,300	22,500	78,200	80,400	78,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,600	4,500	4,400	4,600	24,700	24,800	25,200
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,100	12,900	16,200	16,200	15,900	83,100	84,000	83,500
Government	8,700	8,500	8,300	14,300	14,300	13,800	96,900	97,200	98,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,100	129,100	128,300	57,100	57,800	55,300	65,900	66,400	64,500
Manufacturing	24,800	24,800	24,700	15,400	15,500	15,300	10,100	10,100	9,700
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,900	1,900	1,700	--	--	--
Construction	7,300	7,400	8,100	5,700	5,900	5,300	2,100	2,100	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,800	10,100	2,300	2,300	2,200	3,000	3,100	3,000
Trade	31,200	32,200	31,300	11,000	11,200	10,900	17,600	17,600	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,200	2,000	2,000	1,900	3,500	3,600	3,300
Services & Misc.	27,300	27,900	27,600	7,900	8,000	7,400	13,500	13,800	12,900
Government	20,100	20,200	19,800	10,900	11,000	10,600	16,100	16,100	16,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	45,400	48,600	45,700	124,100	124,500	124,100	1,328.3	1,342.1	1,319.9
Manufacturing	3,100	3,200	3,000	11,200	11,200	11,700	221.5	222.8	218.9
Mining	700	700	600	3,900	3,900	4,700	18.3	18.4	19.5
Construction	2,100	2,200	2,000	6,100	6,300	7,800	54.5	57.5	66.9
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,900	6,900	7,100	89.8	90.1	87.6
Trade	9,500	9,700	10,000	32,200	32,300	31,400	347.9	353.4	350.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,800	6,900	6,700	131.0	131.4	132.6
Services & Misc.	8,300	8,500	8,000	29,000	29,000	27,500	314.7	316.9	296.2
Government	18,400	21,000	18,700	28,000	28,000	27,200	150.6	151.6	147.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	187,100	187,500	183,600	512,700	518,900	508,500	69,300	70,200	70,500
Manufacturing	37,600	37,000	35,100	116,100	117,400	113,100	8,400	8,500	8,800
Mining	--	--	--	3,500	3,600	3,600	500	600	500
Construction	9,000	9,400	9,800	20,300	21,400	25,800	3,200	3,300	4,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,200	10,300	10,100	30,200	30,400	28,400	4,800	5,000	5,800
Trade	46,800	47,500	45,800	135,900	139,100	135,800	13,800	14,100	13,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,600	9,400	27,300	27,600	27,700	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	35,000	34,700	33,600	111,800	112,000	109,200	13,700	13,900	12,500
Government	39,000	39,000	39,800	67,600	67,400	64,900	20,800	20,700	20,600

sector recorded employment gains over the month, although some of the drops were minor ones. The largest losses in January were in industries which normally reflect seasonal declines at this time of year. Wholesale and retail trade lost 29,500 jobs over the month, with all of the decreases concentrated in the retail portion. Close to 10,000 positions were cut in general merchandise stores, while eating and drinking places declined by 5,700, while food stores and automotive dealers and service stations each lost 4,300 jobs. Trade is currently 2,400 positions below its January 1987 level.

Poor weather during part of the reporting period pushed employment down further in construction, which lost 12,900 jobs between December and January. The break between semesters at state and local schools and colleges was the primary impetus behind the loss of 9,400 jobs in government over the month. Early retirements at a military installation also caused federal government to decrease moderately.

Transportation and public utilities lost 5,200 jobs in January, due primarily to the normal post-Holiday decline in Holiday travel by air combined with less business and poor weather which curtailed trucking and warehousing. An additional 2,200 jobs were deleted in mining between December and January. A decrease of 1,000 jobs among insurance carriers, agents and brokers caused the modest downturn within finance,

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Industry	Jan.'88*	Dec.'87**	Jan.'87**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,386.4	1,401.3	1,361.5
Manufacturing	148.8	149.0	142.8
Mining	62.9	63.2	62.8
Construction	79.7	81.4	84.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	97.2	97.9	96.9
Trade	353.0	361.0	350.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.2	98.3	101.4
Services & Misc.	360.3	361.9	337.3
Government	187.3	188.6	185.6
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	64,600	65,100	64,000
Manufacturing	15,700	15,700	14,700
Mining	3,500	3,600	3,500
Construction	3,000	3,100	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,100	3,100
Trade	16,700	16,800	16,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	3,400
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,600	11,300
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	43,400	44,400	43,200
Manufacturing	2,700	2,900	2,900
Mining	9,900	10,100	9,600
Construction	1,200	1,100	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	10,300	10,600	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,700
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,600	8,300
Government	6,300	6,500	6,100
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	503,600	507,000	495,900
Manufacturing	46,300	46,600	46,500
Mining	2,600	2,600	2,700
Construction	28,900	29,700	30,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,100	18,200
Trade	132,400	133,800	127,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,800	39,700	39,100
Services & Misc.	120,500	120,500	117,000
Government	116,000	116,000	114,500
TYLER			
TOTAL	60,900	61,500	60,400
Manufacturing	10,500	10,800	10,800
Mining	1,800	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,200	2,300	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	16,600	16,700	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	3,700
Services & Misc.	14,300	14,300	13,400
Government	9,000	9,000	8,800
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	50,200	50,300	49,400
Manufacturing	8,400	8,400	8,300
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,200	12,400	12,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,500	11,100
Government	9,600	9,500	9,400

Industry	Jan.'88*	Dec.'87**	Jan.'87**
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	69,800	70,100	68,500
Manufacturing	7,900	7,900	8,300
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600
Trade	16,300	16,400	16,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	2,900
Services & Misc.	15,000	15,000	14,300
Government	21,500	21,700	20,300
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	90,800	92,900	89,600
Manufacturing	7,300	7,200	7,200
Mining	400	400	500
Construction	3,000	3,200	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,000	5,100	4,900
Trade	27,200	27,900	26,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,200	5,200	5,300
Services & Misc.	21,500	21,900	21,100
Government	21,200	22,000	20,900
ODESSA			
TOTAL	43,500	43,900	41,100
Manufacturing	3,800	3,700	3,500
Mining	6,200	6,300	5,700
Construction	2,000	2,200	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,200	2,000
Trade	12,700	12,900	12,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,200	6,700
Government	7,600	7,700	7,400
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	37,700	38,000	37,100
Manufacturing	11,000	11,000	11,000
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	1,500	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trade	8,300	8,400	8,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,900	7,400
Government	4,300	4,300	5,100
VICTORIA			
TOTAL	27,500	27,500	26,700
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	2,700
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,600
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,400
Trade	7,900	8,000	8,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500
Services & Misc.	5,300	5,700	5,400
Government	4,600	4,600	4,400

Industry	Jan.'88*	Dec.'87**	Jan.'87**
LAREDO			
TOTAL	36,300	36,000	34,700
Manufacturing	1,800	1,700	1,700
Mining	2,100	2,100	1,600
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,600	4,600	4,200
Trade	10,400	10,400	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,000	5,800	5,800
Government	8,500	8,500	8,300
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	93,100	91,900	89,500
Manufacturing	13,700	12,700	12,800
Mining	900	900	900
Construction	3,900	3,900	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,000
Trade	27,600	27,500	27,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,800	3,800	3,800
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,700	14,000
Government	25,700	25,600	24,000
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	36,100	36,600	36,000
Manufacturing	5,600	5,700	5,600
Mining	400	500	500
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	9,500	9,500	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,700	7,400
Government	6,400	6,700	6,600
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	45,300	46,000	45,200
Manufacturing	7,300	7,400	7,400
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	2,000	2,200	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trade	10,400	10,900	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,400	9,300	9,000
Government	12,500	12,500	12,500
WACO			
TOTAL	77,100	78,200	76,900
Manufacturing	14,700	14,600	14,500
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,400	3,300	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	19,000	19,700	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,300
Services & Misc.	19,800	20,000	19,400
Government	12,200	12,600	12,200

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Jan. 1988*	Dec. 1987**	Jan. 1987**	Change From Dec. 1987	Change From Jan. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,517,700	6,580,800	6,440,600	-63,100	77,100
Manufacturing	940,700	943,300	914,900	-2,600	25,800
Durable Goods	538,600	539,100	520,800	-500	17,800
Lumber & Wood Products	33,200	33,500	34,000	-300	-800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,500	6,500	6,700	0	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,200	17,300	16,300	-100	900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	43,100	43,700	43,700	-600	-600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,700	18,900	19,700	-200	-1,000
Primary Metal Industries	27,800	27,600	26,300	200	1,500
Fabricated Metal Industries	73,500	73,200	70,700	300	2,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	35,400	35,400	34,900	0	500
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,200	100,900	97,100	300	4,100
Oil Field Machinery	22,200	21,800	20,700	400	1,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,600	116,300	114,400	300	2,200
Transportation Equipment	91,500	91,700	84,400	-200	7,100
Aircraft & Parts	53,000	52,500	50,000	500	3,000
Instruments & Related Products	21,500	21,600	21,200	-100	300
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,000	13,300	12,700	-300	300
Nondurable Goods	402,100	404,200	394,100	-2,100	8,000
Food & Kindred Products	98,100	98,400	96,000	-300	2,100
Meat Products	28,700	29,200	27,900	-500	800
Dairy Products	4,900	4,600	4,600	300	300
Bakery Products	10,400	10,500	10,200	-100	200
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,600	54,500	50,900	100	3,700
Paper & Allied Products	25,100	25,000	23,400	100	1,700
Printing & Publishing	72,900	73,100	73,900	-200	-1,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,800	36,000	37,300	-200	-1,500
Chemicals & Allied Products	72,900	74,300	73,800	-1,400	-900
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,600	32,600	33,400	0	-800
Petroleum Refining	29,300	29,300	30,100	0	-800
Leather & Leather Products	8,000	8,200	6,700	-200	1,300
Other Nondurable Goods	33,900	34,100	32,100	-200	1,800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,577,000	5,637,500	5,525,700	-60,500	51,300
Mining	182,500	184,700	181,400	-2,200	1,100
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,800	9,700	10,100	100	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	172,700	175,000	171,300	-2,300	1,400
Construction	324,300	337,200	350,600	-12,900	-26,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,200	388,400	377,600	-5,200	5,600
Railroad Transportation	20,800	21,100	21,400	-300	-600
Transportation, Except Railroads	202,100	206,800	193,700	-4,700	8,400
Transportation by Air	57,400	58,300	52,500	-900	4,900
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,600	84,800	85,600	-200	-1,000
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,700	75,700	76,900	0	-1,200
Electric Services	41,500	41,600	42,700	-100	-1,200
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	26,900	27,000	0	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,637,600	1,667,100	1,640,000	-29,500	-2,400
Wholesale Trade	408,200	407,900	410,000	300	-1,800
Retail Trade	1,229,400	1,259,200	1,230,000	-29,800	-600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,700	44,700	43,700	-1,000	0
General Merchandise Stores	170,500	180,100	167,900	-9,600	2,600
Food Stores	224,800	229,100	227,200	-4,300	-2,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,700	132,500	134,300	-800	-2,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,500	83,800	85,400	-4,300	-5,900
Eating & Drinking Places	391,500	397,200	381,900	-5,700	9,600
Other Retail Trade	187,700	191,800	189,600	-4,100	-1,900
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	438,800	439,500	442,300	-700	-3,500
Banking	98,600	98,500	100,000	100	-1,400
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,800	137,800	137,300	-1,000	-500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	203,400	203,200	205,000	200	-1,600
Services	1,449,500	1,450,100	1,390,800	-600	58,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	80,200	81,200	81,200	-1,000	-1,000
Personal Services	83,400	83,900	83,800	-500	-400
Business & Repair Services	403,300	404,600	383,200	-1,300	20,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,900	53,300	47,300	-400	5,600
Health Services	393,800	391,100	375,000	2,700	18,800
Educational Services	77,500	79,100	71,300	-1,600	6,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	358,400	356,900	349,000	1,500	9,400
Total Government	1,161,100	1,170,500	1,143,000	-9,400	18,100
Total Federal Government	193,500	194,700	193,300	-1,200	200
Total State Government	234,000	239,800	230,900	-5,800	3,100
Total Local Government	733,600	736,000	718,800	-2,400	14,800

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	Jan. '88*	Dec. '87**	Jan. '87**	Jan. '88*	Dec. '87**	Jan. '87**	Jan. '88*	Dec. '87**	Jan. '87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,700	54,200	54,500	99,900	101,400	97,900	423,800	431,100	425,500
Total Unemployment	4,000	3,400	5,600	6,700	5,100	7,000	29,600	23,700	29,300
Percent Unemployed	7.4	6.3	10.3	6.7	5.0	7.2	7.0	5.5	6.9
Total Employment 2/	49,700	50,800	48,900	93,200	96,300	90,900	394,200	407,400	396,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	157,900	160,000	162,000	80,300	81,500	78,900	97,400	96,100	93,900
Total Unemployment	19,000	15,600	23,100	7,700	6,200	9,200	16,500	12,200	15,700
Percent Unemployed	12.0	9.8	14.3	9.6	7.6	11.7	16.9	12.7	16.7
Total Employment 2/	138,900	144,400	138,900	72,600	75,300	69,700	80,900	83,900	78,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,400	58,000	54,900	159,100	159,000	161,600	1,438.9	1,460.4	1,418.0
Total Unemployment	2,900	2,400	3,800	17,700	14,600	22,100	92.3	74.8	94.5
Percent Unemployed	5.3	4.1	6.9	11.1	9.2	13.7	6.4	5.1	6.7
Total Employment 2/	51,500	55,600	51,100	141,400	144,400	139,500	1,346.6	1,385.6	1,323.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	233,100	234,400	227,300	668,800	679,000	661,600	106,300	107,400	108,000
Total Unemployment	26,400	22,000	26,300	46,900	37,800	51,100	11,700	9,400	12,400
Percent Unemployed	11.3	9.4	11.6	7.0	5.6	7.7	11.0	8.8	11.5
Total Employment 2/	206,700	212,400	201,000	621,900	641,200	610,500	94,600	98,000	95,600
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,579.5	1,607.3	1,587.0	93,000	93,600	90,200	45,300	46,100	45,500
Total Unemployment	127.1	107.9	173.9	7,600	6,200	7,600	6,400	6,300	8,600
Percent Unemployed	8.0	6.7	11.0	8.2	6.6	8.4	14.1	13.7	18.9
Total Employment 2/	1,452.4	1,499.4	1,413.1	85,400	87,400	82,600	38,900	39,800	36,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,500	79,100	79,400	110,900	114,300	109,600	154,600	152,000	150,000
Total Unemployment	8,100	6,700	10,100	6,700	5,800	7,500	30,300	25,000	32,100
Percent Unemployed	10.3	8.5	12.7	6.0	5.1	6.8	19.6	16.4	21.4
Total Employment 2/	70,400	72,400	69,300	104,200	108,500	102,100	124,300	127,000	117,900
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,000	50,400	50,400	53,400	54,100	55,700	44,400	46,000	44,500
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,100	5,800	4,600	3,700	9,100	2,800	2,400	3,300
Percent Unemployed	7.6	6.2	11.5	8.6	6.8	16.3	6.3	5.2	7.4
Total Employment 2/	45,300	47,300	44,600	48,800	50,400	46,600	41,600	43,600	41,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	609,400	614,000	595,400	49,200	50,000	48,300	58,000	59,000	57,400
Total Unemployment	50,800	41,400	51,400	3,800	3,300	4,300	4,900	4,300	5,400
Percent Unemployed	8.3	6.7	8.6	7.7	6.6	8.9	8.4	7.3	9.4
Total Employment 2/	558,600	572,600	544,000	45,400	46,700	44,000	53,100	54,700	52,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,700	77,100	76,500	36,600	37,000	37,000	92,700	94,300	90,600
Total Unemployment	6,300	5,300	7,500	3,000	2,500	4,100	8,300	6,800	7,900
Percent Unemployed	8.3	6.9	9.8	8.2	6.8	11.1	9.0	7.2	8.7
Total Employment 2/	69,400	71,800	69,000	33,600	34,500	32,900	84,400	87,500	82,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,900	57,400	56,600				8,161.7	8,269.2	8,127.3
Total Unemployment	4,300	3,600	5,300				682.5	561.4	798.8
Percent Unemployed	7.6	6.3	9.4				8.4	6.8	9.8
Total Employment 2/	52,600	53,800	51,300				7,479.2	7,707.8	7,328.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan.± 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Jan.± 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Jan.± 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 413.92	$ 427.57	$ 405.31	41.6	42.8	41.4	$ 9.95	$ 9.99	$ 9.79
Durable Goods	409.91	427.55	392.64	41.7	43.1	41.2	9.83	9.92	9.53
Lumber & Wood Products	282.50	298.27	280.80	39.4	41.6	40.0	7.17	7.17	7.02
Furniture & Fixtures	239.02	254.63	258.73	37.7	39.6	40.3	6.34	6.43	6.42
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	388.41	400.76	383.18	41.9	43.0	42.2	9.27	9.32	9.08
Primary Metal Industries	444.16	447.10	422.69	42.1	42.1	40.8	10.55	10.62	10.36
Fabricated Metal Products	386.96	400.37	368.18	42.9	43.9	41.0	9.02	9.12	8.98
Machinery, exc. Electric	430.84	445.66	408.46	43.3	44.3	41.3	9.95	10.06	9.89
Oil Field Machinery	490.68	553.80	450.45	43.5	47.7	39.0	11.28	11.61	11.55
Electric & Electronic Equip.	420.29	452.15	428.08	39.8	42.1	42.3	10.56	10.74	10.12
Transportation Equipment	559.36	587.02	510.80	43.7	45.4	41.8	12.80	12.93	12.22
Instruments & Related Prod.	362.56	366.24	340.63	41.2	42.0	39.7	8.80	8.72	8.58
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	287.15	292.33	251.08	38.7	40.1	37.7	7.42	7.29	6.66
Nondurable Goods	416.72	427.39	419.15	41.3	42.4	41.5	10.09	10.08	10.10
Food & Kindred Products	348.57	366.42	353.56	42.2	44.2	41.4	8.26	8.29	8.54
Meat Products	259.75	277.25	288.05	41.1	43.8	40.8	6.32	6.33	7.06
Malt Beverages	789.76	837.87	862.65	43.9	46.6	48.6	17.99	17.98	17.75
Textile Mill Products	341.11	347.00	319.31	46.6	47.6	45.1	7.32	7.29	7.08
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	197.06	198.74	196.13	35.7	36.6	37.5	5.52	5.43	5.23
Paper & Allied Products	472.75	487.53	461.72	44.1	45.1	43.6	10.72	10.81	10.59
Printing & Publishing	376.74	383.57	384.94	38.6	39.1	39.4	9.76	9.81	9.77
Chemicals & Allied Products	676.70	682.87	651.89	44.2	44.4	43.2	15.31	15.38	15.09
Petroleum & Coal Products	673.96	681.78	683.11	42.9	44.3	44.3	15.71	15.39	15.42
Petroleum Refining	701.57	705.07	709.78	43.2	44.4	44.5	16.24	15.88	15.95
Leather & Leather Products	220.17	229.37	225.52	37.7	40.1	37.4	5.84	5.72	6.03
Other Nondurable Goods	388.42	403.59	391.70	44.8	45.5	45.6	8.67	8.87	8.59
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	480.00	511.34	510.56	40.1	42.4	42.3	11.97	12.06	12.07
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	556.89	563.47	536.98	46.1	46.8	45.7	12.08	12.04	11.75
Oil & Gas Extraction	474.81	507.73	509.41	39.7	42.1	42.1	11.96	12.06	12.10
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	490.64	492.82	480.32	39.6	39.3	39.5	12.39	12.54	12.16
Elec., Gas & San. Services	476.10	458.60	433.48	41.4	39.5	40.1	11.50	11.61	10.81
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.10	227.12	223.80	31.6	32.4	31.7	7.06	7.01	7.06
Wholesale Trade	391.39	387.87	376.71	39.1	39.1	39.2	10.01	9.92	9.61
Retail Trade	172.28	179.06	176.40	29.4	30.4	29.4	5.86	5.89	6.00
General Merchandise Stores	157.91	182.59	172.79	26.1	28.8	26.3	6.05	6.34	6.57
Banking	269.31	249.19	266.29	38.2	34.9	37.4	7.05	7.14	7.12

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 399.90	$ 420.04	$ 400.44	41.1	42.3	41.8	$ 9.73	$ 9.93	$ 9.58
Durable Goods	422.10	454.90	424.45	41.1	43.2	41.9	10.27	10.53	10.13
Nondurable Goods	364.15	361.82	363.21	41.1	40.7	41.7	8.86	8.89	8.71
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	424.35	440.54	391.82	41.0	42.4	40.9	10.35	10.39	9.58
Durable Goods	446.45	465.04	409.36	41.3	42.9	41.1	10.81	10.84	9.96
Nondurable Goods	368.34	374.33	344.97	40.3	41.0	40.3	9.14	9.13	8.56
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	485.51	508.19	490.56	43.7	44.5	43.8	11.11	11.42	11.20
Durable Goods	415.94	437.85	413.86	43.6	45.0	43.2	9.54	9.73	9.58
Nondurable Goods	562.86	585.19	573.65	43.7	43.9	44.4	12.88	13.33	12.92
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	295.21	304.36	322.32	39.1	40.1	40.8	7.55	7.59	7.90
Durable Goods	315.97	324.01	364.99	39.3	40.2	40.6	8.04	8.06	8.99
Nondurable Goods	274.63	285.60	278.94	38.9	40.0	40.9	7.06	7.14	6.82

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

insurance and real estate, as other sectors managed only minor offsetting increases, leaving this sector down by 700 jobs.

Additional staffing in hospitals and physicians' offices to deal with the allergy and flu season pushed employment in health services up by 2,700 -- the major upturn within services. A sizeable decrease in educational services due to the semester break at private educational institutions and a similar-sized drop in business and repair services, however, left services as a whole down 600 in January.

For the second consecutive month, employment in manufacturing declined in January, losing 2,600 jobs. Most of the decreases occurred in the nondurable goods sector, as durable goods dropped by only 500 over the month. The two durable goods sectors which recorded the largest declines were related to construction -- stone, clay and glass products lost 600 jobs, and lumber and wood products declined by 300.

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A large seasonal layoff by a manufacturer of fertilizer was the main cause of the downturn of 2,100 in nondurable goods. Smaller declines were registered in food and kindred products, in printing and publishing, and in leather and leather products. Minor increases in apparel and other finished textile products and in paper and allied products had little effect on the larger decreases, leaving nondurable goods down 2,100 between December and January.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas dropped by 4,600 between December and January, to 608,400; however, the mid-January number constituted an increase of 17,000 from the previous year's total. The average production worker in January was working a 41.6-hour week at $9.95 per hour for an average weekly income of $413.92. The number of hours worked per week and the average hourly earnings both decreased by 1.2 hours and $.04, respectively, resulting in a decline of average weekly earnings of $13.65. Compared to a year earlier, hours and earnings reflect more favorably: average weekly hours increased by 0.2 hour and average hourly earnings were up by $.16, causing a rise in average weekly earnings of $8.61 from January 1987 to January 1988.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1988	Jan. 1987
Total Population	16,916,000	16,760,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	2.8
UI Covered Employers	311,710	314,010
Total Claims Actions	613,970	950,328
Total Initial Claims Actions	73,616	102,377
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	540,354	847,951
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$152.74	$156.41
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$67,575,795	$114,950,561
Total Placements	22,972	23,467

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